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### **Youth Internet Safety Taskforce Meeting Minutes July 9, 2008**

**Attending:** Kristin Alexander, Theo Angelis, Brian Bujdoso, Hunter Goodman, Chris Johnson (AGO), Chris Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Nicholas Lovrich, Jesse Regalado, DeLee Shoemaker, Aravind Swaminathan, John Thielbahr, Lana Weinmann.

**By Phone:** Bill Ashworth, Jerry Bender, Peggy Brown, Scott Huber, Barbara Mertens, Dennis Small.

#### **I. Subcommittee Updates:**

##### **A. Education**

- The group discussed the subcommittee recommendations.
- Barbara Mertens expressed that, although schools should incorporate Internet safety, the administrators would oppose blanket requirements to do so.
- Barbara Mertens also expressed concerns about the subcommittee's discussion about technology, questioning whether it was appropriate for the subcommittee to take on such a large issue that the Legislature is also working on. She noted there was support for the PSA concept.
- DeLee Shoemaker commented that the group needs to make sure parents are messaged into PSAs.
- A member expressed confusion about how looking at pipelines to higher education fits with the subcommittee's goal to implement Internet safety.
- Jerry Bender agreed with the school administrator statements.
- A member stated that the technology proposal will need professional staff funding to implement.
- Scott Huber said there is a need to train current staff on new and emerging technologies and agrees that funding is important.
- Barbara Mertens said that recommendation #2 ("provide reliable funding and adequate on-going funding for educational technology hardware, software, professional development, and technical support, to ensure equity of access for all students") should not be a separate recommendation from the group. Recommendation #1 ("develop comprehensive curricula for Internet safety as a component of Washington state's K-12 academic standards for educational technology, supported by effective in-service and pre-service training for K-12 educators") should be incorporated with any funding request. "We need an ongoing financial resource to keep things going."
- Subcommittee members stated they will work with Lew McMurran to modify #1 to include the concepts in #2.

-John Thielbahr explained that recommendation #4 (“leverage the K-12 Internet safety education program to build a pipeline from K-12 to post-secondary to prepare tomorrow’s security and safety workforce”) is to reach out to students to address education and competitiveness problems in the US. Part of the subcommittee’s plan is to integrate a digital forensic course into Bellevue Community College and other schools. “Community Colleges are much more adept at addressing workforce development.”

-Barbara Mertens stated her group is still concerned about plans to lay out what classes high schoolers should take because schools are already addressing Core 24.

-John Thielbahr said any community college program must be connected to high school too.

-Peggy Brown said she can talk to John Altman, others, at OSPI.

-Jerry Bender said the subcommittee will have to work hard to get people to see the tie-in to Internet safety. “Right now it is a stretch.”

-DeLee Shoemaker asked if the AG’s office will work with stakeholders about recommendations.

-Barbara Mertens stated that, although suggestions about OSPI contacts were made, stakeholder work should not be done without consensus. “We still need to know if this is beyond scope of the task force.”

-Theo Angelis sees the educational component as a natural way to get kids interested in Internet safety, and therefore the lines are very blurred.

-Barbara Mertens said that she sees that there are things to be incorporated in the GLEs and EALRs. The subcommittee’s recommendations need to be incorporated into school curricula through the work that OSPI is doing.

-Dennis Small continues to work on the issue and welcomes feedback from task force members.

## **B. Research**

-John Thielbahr stated that the subcommittee continues to refine their recommendations, which include: Providing easy-to-read and updated information to policy makers (summaries of research could be prepared by graduate students with the goal of improving policy); conducting research into the real social and economic impact of online predators; and creating, through a public/private partnership, a core organization communication hub for training and research that foundations could put dollars into (perhaps groups such as the Paul Allen Foundation’s Education and Youth Engagement Program will be interested). The first level of communication is the task force itself, and the next level includes events such as the June 12 cybercriminology meeting in Bellevue regarding connecting kids to Internet safety and education and the courses WSU is working on now.

-Nicholas Lovrich said national efforts to attract students to science and math is moving to a multidisciplinary approach. “We are suggesting that cybercrime is one of those topics that ties into this approach.”

## **C. Law Enforcement**

-Hunter Goodman identified two documents added at the last minute to today’s meeting materials. The first is an Everett Herald story about a murder being solved by seizing text messages. Hunter pointed out that, as Jesse Regalado has said before, technology is involved more and more with solving crimes. Because this is the trend, “we need to allocate more resources to this type of law enforcement.”

-Hunter Goodman said that he and Chris Johnson (AGO) met with the WSP. The Attorney General’s Office put together a matrix of other states’ forensic crime lab programs and is looking at formulating a construct of creating such a crime lab in Washington. Analysis of other states

helps identify what will work best for Washington and how a plan could be implemented. WSP was interested.

-Jesse Regalado reiterated that Chief Batiste supports the project.

-Hunter Goodman said the forensic lab project requires a specific budget allocation. The majority of costs are really on the personnel side. With the budget the way it is, this may not get funded at least in the first year of the new biennium. Hunter suggests that this group could go to the Legislature for support.

-Hunter Goodman stated that the subcommittee is thinking about incorporating the two bills regarding viewing child pornography from last legislative session with a bill regarding the forensic labs to form one omnibus Internet safety bill.

-Hunter Goodman stated that the subcommittee will do more work getting the New Hampshire and Virginia forensic lab staff to Washington to explain their ideas.

-Hunter said that the best option the subcommittee has come up with is a combination of several states' labs. This will require extensive bandwidth and technology infrastructure. There could be network compatibility issues too. So, there is a lot to do yet.

-Hunter Goodman said the Attorney General's Office will decide in the coming weeks if it will include this in the agency budget request. This would be a build-out on existing WSP infrastructure.

-DeLee Shoemaker asked if there is a way to incorporate the Research Subcommittee's public/private partnership with the forensic lab funding needs. The needed FTEs would be in the state budget and the rest would be privately funded.

-Hunter Goodman agreed this may be an option, and mentions that he spoke to the New Hampshire representatives about such an idea. The New Hampshire representatives stated that ongoing costs due to planned obsolescence could be \$450,000 per year.

-Hunter Goodman said the staffing and technology needs inherent in a digital forensic lab dovetail back to the Education Subcommittee's 4<sup>th</sup> recommendation by illustrating the need for trained people entering the workforce.

-John Thielbahr assumed definition of "youth" includes college-aged people because they are often victims.

-Nicholas Lovrich wondered if implementing a training component for campus police could be a part of the educational pipeline. He asked if New Hampshire does training.

-Hunter Goodman answered that he doesn't think so. The FBI has a regional forensic lab.

-Kristin Alexander saw a report on cybercrime prepared for the Congress by the US Government Accountability Office. The report detailed the need of additional education and infrastructure to retain staff. She wondered if federal money might be available.

-Hunter Goodman said federal dollars and grants are both possible. However, lasting funding is still an issue.

## **II. Final Report**

-Hunter Goodman suggested preparing an abstract (5 pages) before the 2009 Legislative session begins in January and wait until after session for a larger report (to see what happens this session). Regarding what form submittals should be in: "We're looking for substance over formatting. We'll take your materials in whatever form you would like to provide, format, and then vet with all task force members. We'd like to have materials from the subcommittees by the middle of September."

-John Thielbahr asked how to address the concerns by some about the Education Subcommittee.

-Hunter suggested that a minority report could be included if necessary.

- Chris Johnson (AGO) suggested including Jesse Regalado's material about how a child pornography investigation is processed. The Legislature likes to see compelling testimony.
- John Thielbahr agreed, and he and Lisa Erwin discussed having such practical information in the Education Subcommittee's binder of information.
- Hunter Goodman said that WASPCC and WAPA support the forensic lab proposal.
- Hunter Goodman asked if 2 months was sufficient for Dennis to put something together?
- Dennis Small answered yes because the subcommittee knows they can collapse the 1st and 2nd recommendations together.
- John Thielbahr agreed this is okay, and he will take the 4<sup>th</sup> recommendation if the Education Subcommittee doesn't want it.
- Dennis Small said he is okay with that.
- Nicholas Lovrich said a feasibility study for forensic labs gives them the chance to influence hiring at the college level. "We have a case about what we need to have."
- Chris Johnson asked that if anyone has had contact with the congressional delegation, "please steer them our way." Congress often says they will give money only when law and first state steps taken.
- A new timeline will be sent out.

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